

Ex. 2
I claim:

1. A utility knife comprising:
 - a housing having two separable halves forming two sides, a top and a bottom;
 - a blade removably engaged within the housing and having a cutting edge, wherein the cutting edge extends from the bottom of the housing; and
 - a hook in each half of the housing;wherein the hook and the housing form a space having a first side, a second side and an apex, wherein the space and the hook may reversibly retain a measuring tape having a tab in a close and substantially parallel alignment to a surface to be cut, wherein the tape extends laterally from a side of the knife.
2. The utility knife of claim 1 wherein the blade is retractable.
3. The utility knife of claim 1 wherein the space further comprises an open end located on the bottom surface of the utility knife near the blade.
4. A means for simultaneous cutting and measuring comprising the steps of:
 - Grasping a utility knife comprising a blade and a housing, the housing having two sides and a hook in each side of the housing, each hook being adapted to receive a tape measure tab, wherein the hook is adapted to hold the tape measure in a position approximately parallel to the surface to be cut;
 - inserting the tab of a detachable extendable measuring tape comprising a ruler and a tab into the hook so that the measure is in a position approximately parallel to the surface to be cut;

